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Hebron deal possible in days - Mordechai

DAVID RUDGE and JON IMMANUEL

AN agreement on Hebron could be reached in the next few days, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai indicated yesterday. "We want to implement our part of the agreement, which rests on our security requirements in Hebron and the needs of the Jewish settlement there and the ability to minimize, as much as possible, the points of conflict," Mordechai said while visiting the North.

"I believe that all the sides will make efforts in the next few days to reach an agreement over the redeployment." He admitted there is an element of risk in the redeployment but stressed there was also hope and expectation. "There's no absolute security in any place, but the security forces and the IDF will do everything possible to give maximum security in Hebron and everywhere else," he added.

Last night, Mordechai addressed the Likud Knesset faction along with members of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza and Jewish community in Hebron. He said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has promised to present any initiated agreement to the government and Knesset.

Mordechai warned the settlers against creating an irreparable chasm in Israeli society by opposing the redeployment plans. Most of the Likud MKs gave the impression that should the agreement provide sufficient security measures, they would not oppose it, but Michael Kleiner (Geshet) said he would vote against redeployment because of his fears for the safety of residents.

Meanwhile, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat left for Cairo for meetings with (Continued on Page 9)

Mordechai: Army considers missing soldier Edri as being held hostage

DAVID RUDGE and BILL HUTMAN

MISSING soldier Sharon Edri is considered to be alive and being held against his will, as long as there is no proof otherwise, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said yesterday. However, police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said there is no evidence that Edri was kidnapped, and the investigation is at virtually the same point as it was when he disappeared two months ago.

Mordechai, who was visiting Northern Command headquarters, nevertheless maintained that "our opening position was and remains against his will and we are making every effort to trace his whereabouts. Until we know what's happened to him, this is the working hypothesis of the army and the security services, including the General Security Service. "The police, for various reasons, thought differently at the start, but I think they are now coming to (Continued on Page 9)



US Secretary of State Warren Christopher is greeted in Cairo yesterday by US Ambassador Edward Walker for the start of the Middle East/North Africa economic conference. (Reuters)

Cairo economic parley opens today

DAVID HARRIS
CAIRO

SOME 3,500 businessmen, politicians, and civil servants from 92 countries are expected to attend the third Middle East/North Africa economic summit, which opens in Cairo today. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will make the opening speech in what Cairo is now calling an economic conference rather than a summit, because of the exclusion of heads of state and premiers. The Israeli delegation, comprising 100 businessmen, 50 officials, and 30 journalists, will be led by Foreign Minister David Levy. Other ministers attending are Dan Meridor (finance), Natan Sharansky (industry and trade), Limor Livnat (communications), and Yitzhak Levy (transport). The three-day event is being held amid tight security, particularly around the Israeli delegation. Initially the Egyptian government requested that each

of the three groupings of Israelis stay in one hotel, however, the Israeli businessmen decided to book individually. The opening ceremony will be attended by the prime ministers of Egypt and Jordan, outgoing US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Russian Economy Minister Yevgeni Yasin, president of the EU Council of Ministers Dick Spring, and head of the summit's organizing body, the World Economic Forum, Klaus Schwab. The conference "promises to host more participants from more countries than participated in either Casablanca or Amman," said Schwab. While there have been repeated political exchanges between Israel and its Arab neighbors ahead of the summit, there is an increasing feeling among Israeli (Continued on Page 9)

Egypt said to hold Azzam for spying

AZZAM Azzam, the Israeli who went missing in Cairo last Wednesday night, was apprehended by the Egyptians on suspicion of spying for Israel, an Egyptian legal source said last night.

The source said that an Egyptian whom Azzam had recruited for the Mossad was also detained, and that the two are being held in Tura Prison near Cairo, Israel Radio reported. They were remanded yesterday for a further 15 days.

Earlier yesterday, the London-based *Al-Hayat* reported that Azzam was part of a group, including Egyptian citizens, arrested in Cairo on suspicion of having contacts with the Mossad.

There was no official word from the Egyptian authorities about the arrest. In previous cases when Israelis have been detained, the Egyptians have taken pains to make the arrests public.

Meanwhile, further details have emerged about the abduction of Azzam, 35, of Maghar in the Galilee, as he was sitting in a car with another Israeli outside the Baron Hotel in Heliopolis on Wednesday night.

Army Radio reported that Azzam was called by name from a group of some 10 men in civilian clothes, who grabbed him and drove off, followed by another car.

Before they left, the radio said, the other Israeli tried to intervene, but was shoved inside the hotel by some of the men. The abductors were armed and carried walkie-talkies, the report said.

According to the source quoted by the radio, Azzam was recruited by the Mossad after the Netanyahu government was set up in June. He

BATSHEVA TSUR and Itim was offered a huge sum of money and then recruited Egyptian citizens as well, the source said.

In Jerusalem, officials denied knowledge of the case and said more details would probably emerge after Foreign Minister David Levy meets today with Egyptian officials in Cairo.

In Maghar yesterday, villagers were joyful that Azzam had been found but could not believe the charges against him. "We are happy that Azzam is alive and are shocked over the allegations against him. We don't believe that a man like this could do something wrong and we are certain that it is a mistake," one of Azzam's friends said.

At the same time, the overwhelming feeling in the village was relief. "The main thing is that he is alive and was not murdered. Now he must be brought back home to his wife and children," a neighbor said.

A large group of Azzam's relatives demonstrated opposite the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem yesterday, while others left for Cairo to help bring about his release.

Despite official silence on the identity and whereabouts of Azzam, there was a flurry of diplomatic activity in Jerusalem and Cairo yesterday over his disappearance. After speaking with Azzam's brother, Sami, Levy declared: "It is Israel's elementary obligation to care for the welfare of its citizens... It shall be taken up at the highest echelons. We shall not rest until Azzam is returned to Israel safe and well."

The prime minister's adviser on

Druse affairs, Assad Assad, spoke with Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny, who promised to have details "within 24 hours."

In reply to the family's charge that Azzam had been kidnapped, Bassiouny said that the Egyptian authorities are not in the habit of abducting people from outside their hotel and then having them disappear. He asked Assad to relay a message to the Azzam family that they should not be alarmed, and said he had already sent several communications on the subject to Cairo.

"Everything will soon be okay," he reportedly told Assad.

Charge d'affaires in Cairo Ya'acov Gil has been in touch with President Hosni Mubarak's office, as well as the Egyptian internal affairs minister, with whom Levy is expected to meet today.

Israeli businessmen of Druse origin attending the conference said they would also try to help locate Azzam.

Azzam had been in Cairo for the past six months working as a mechanic at the joint Egyptian-Israeli Tefron textile factory. His brother, Wafa, manager at the same plant, remained in Cairo yesterday and was in touch with local police and the Israeli Embassy.

He denied rumors that his brother is connected with the Mossad and appealed to Levy to find him before attending the conference this morning.

"I am distraught," he said. "I have not slept or eaten for nearly a week. I have not shaved and will not rest until I know Azzam is alive and well."

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Bereaved father: Police responsible for accident that claimed two lives

HAIM SHAPIRO

AN accident that claimed the life of an 18-year-old girl and a 39-year-old man could have been avoided had the police acted promptly to remove the carcass of a donkey from the road. Hissgai Eliezer, of Alfei Menashe, whose daughter Ma'ayan was killed, along with Ephraim Bleifeld, of Kedumim, made this charge yesterday on Israel Radio's popular *It's All Talk* program. Ma'ayan was killed last Wednesday night when she swerved to avoid a dead donkey on the road and crashed head on into a car driven by Bleifeld. The young man in the car with Ma'ayan and Bleifeld's wife were injured. Eliezer said that 90 minutes before the accident, a Ginot Shomron resident had come to a parent's meeting, said there was a dead donkey on the road, and that he had reported it to the authorities. Others also said that they had driven around the donkey, he said. "The accident happened because the police simply didn't pay attention to human life," Eliezer said. He added that the fact that none of those who had seen the carcass had bothered to move it off the road says something about Israeli society.

when the tragedy occurred. He added that he was sorry that other drivers had seen the carcass, but none had stopped to remove it. Goldberg added that the police are not responsible for removing such hazards, but do act on every report. Eliezer had charged that the accident took place because of a conflict over turf, with various bodies each saying that it was not their job to remove the donkey from the road. "What if it had been a bus full of children?" he asked, saying that he will not be able to rest until he does something to prevent more such tragedies.

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Germany denies report Ron Arad to be freed

MISSING IAF navigator Ron Arad, in a German-brokered deal, is about to be released in exchange for Lebanese prisoners held by Israel, including Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid and Mustafa Dirani, according to a report from Beirut.

The report in *An-Nahar*, Lebanon's leading independent newspaper, said the deal was being negotiated by Bernd Schmidbauer, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's top intelligence adviser.

An-Nahar quoted unnamed security sources as saying Schmidbauer is to return to Beirut soon to continue the negotiations for a prisoner swap.

Reporting from the Hizbullah

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
and news agencies

stronghold of Baalbek in the Bekaa Valley, the paper said a "large number" of Lebanese prisoners would be freed in return for Arad.

Defense Ministry officials would only say that Israel is continuing to work for Arad's release. Reacting to the report, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's media adviser Avi Benyahu said that Israel believes that Arad is alive and being held prisoner.

"The Ministry of Defense and the State of Israel are continuing their efforts to bring about Arad's release," Benyahu said.

Reports of an imminent release often surface whenever Schmidbauer visits the region. Earlier this year, Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah said his organization would not withhold any information it had on Arad and promised Germany to help locate him in exchange for Shi'ite prisoners held by Israel. But it has steadily denied having any knowledge of Arad's fate.

Schmidbauer met with Nasrallah twice during his visit to Beirut last month, and he reportedly brought to Israel conditions for proceeding with negotiations. He also reportedly brought messages for Dirani and Obeid from their families.



Haredim pray in Hebron yesterday, during a protest against the planned redeployment.

Hanegbi, Matza to get portfolios today

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday announced the appointments of Tzahi Hanegbi as justice minister and fellow Likud MK Yehoshua Matza as health minister.

Hanegbi, appointed health minister upon the Netanyahu government's formation last summer, has been acting justice minister for the past three months, ever since former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman resigned to face charges for obstruction of justice in the Deri case. The new ministers are expected to take the oath of office in the Knesset today.

Netanyahu yesterday expressed the hope that Ne'eman would speedily clear his name and return to the government. If this happens, Netanyahu stressed, Hanegbi will have to give the justice portfolio back to Ne'eman and take back health back from Matza, who will go back to being an ordinary MK.



New Health Minister Yehoshua Matza (Issac Hazzan)

Both Hanegbi and Matza reportedly agreed to this precondition. However, it is thought that if Ne'eman is eventually indicted, the case will be very prolonged.

Hanegbi has never concealed his preference for the justice portfolio and Matza is glad to get into the cabinet at all. He was reportedly promised a ministerial appointment by Netanyahu prior to the elections, but the gains the small parties made at the Likud's expense made it impossible for Netanyahu to give him one.

This situation was complicated by Netanyahu's intention to have outside professionals in his cabinet. He thus earmarked the Treasury for Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel and the Justice Ministry for Ne'eman. Frenkel was edged out by the Likud's Dan Meridor after heavy political pressure.

Hanegbi's caretaker appointment was made in the hope that Ne'eman's affairs would clear up quickly. However, because the law prevents a portfolio from remaining unassigned for longer than three months, Netanyahu was forced to reassign portfolios.

Matza will be a full-time health minister

Background SARAH HONIG

MK Yehoshua Matza's appointment as health minister depends on Ya'acov Ne'eman's legal fortunes. If Ne'eman returns to the Justice Ministry, then Tzahi Hanegbi will go back to the Health Ministry.

But for now Matza isn't complaining. He is happy to get a foot in the cabinet door. This attitude may make him a better health minister than many expect.

The Health Ministry is considered one of the least desirable in the government, and is often an unappreciated consolation prize for those who aspired to a choicer post.

Matza, however, is used to chores which no one else in the Likud wants. Thus he was sent twice as a sacrificial lamb to run against Teddy Kolkof for the Jerusalem mayoralty, when Kolkof was at his zenith. Matza had no hope of winning, but made his suicide run with zest.

These episodes are a key to the man frequently belittled as a lackluster party functionary. Matza is undeniably a functionary who for years headed the Likud stronghold in Jerusalem. That took a lot of hard work and daily dealing with the nitty-grit-

The Health Ministry for years was run by people who cared more about defense and foreign policy, who harbored ambitions for higher office, or who introduced radical reforms that left the health system reeling.

Matza can be counted upon to be the first full-time health minister in many years and to devote all of his attention to his portfolio.

Matza, who was born in Jerusalem's Yemin Moshe quarter in 1931, is a 12th-generation sabra, whose ancestors came to Jerusalem via Greece, to which they fled after their expulsion from Spain in 1492. He speaks fluent Arabic.

He joined the Irgun underground at 13 and graduated from high school only after the War of Independence. He studied law for a year but then switched to auditing, a profession he followed until he became Jerusalem's deputy mayor.

He worked himself up to a parliamentary seat along the rough road of municipal politics. He

was elected to the Jerusalem City Council in 1966 and stayed on for 20 years, immersing himself in solid administrative tasks, undertaking such projects as beautifying the city and improving its sanitation.

He finally made it to the Knesset in 1984 in the lowly 32nd slot on the Likud list. He had since served as coalition whip, chairman of the Interior Committee, and chairman of the Likud secretariat.

After Menachem Begin resigned the premiership, Matza became briefly associated with David Levy, but then became one of Binyamin Netanyahu's loyal foot soldiers.

With the appointment, Netanyahu will be adding a pragmatist to the cabinet, which will not hurt him in the looming storm over Hebron. Matza's moderately hawkish political history contains fiery clashes with Labor over such issues as redrawing Jerusalem's boundaries, but he also opposed to the push for Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount. Policy toward the Arabs, he has continuously advocated, should be tempered by tolerance and good will.

Bakshi-Doron: Jews could be evacuated from Hebron

"SAVING lives takes precedence over territory," Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron said in Hebron yesterday, asserting that if the defense establishment does not think it possible to protect the city's Jews, then they should be evacuated.

At the same time, Bakshi-Doron made it clear that he does not think there is any pressing need for the Jews to leave Hebron, since Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has said the IDF can assure their security.

Bakshi-Doron made the remarks on a private visit to Hebron for Yom Kippur Katan, a time of special penitential prayers before the beginning of a new Jewish month.

HERB KEINON and BILL HUTMAN

Thousands of worshippers from Kiryat Arba, Hebron, and around the country went to the Machpela Cave in the afternoon for the Yom Kippur Katan prayers and to pray that the IDF redeployment in Hebron be averted.

Some Hebron settlement leaders were optimistic the redeployment would not take place. "It still hasn't happened," said community spokesman David Wilder. "I think there is a fairly good chance that the signing won't take place. This defies logic and reality, but I think there is a very good chance."

In the meantime, the settlement

continues to furiously lobby all the coalition factions. Yesterday settlement leaders appeared before the Likud faction, and meetings are taking place all the time, Wilder said.

That Hebron's Jews are "definitely not throwing in the towel." Meanwhile, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani confirmed yesterday that both the Jewish and Palestinian residents of Hebron have illegal weapons caches, which security forces are trying to uncover.

"There are those in Hebron, on both the Arab side and Jewish side, who have weapons,"

Kahalani told a Jerusalem press conference. "The Judea and Samaria police district is very active" in trying to find the illegal weapons held by the settlers, Kahalani said. He did not comment on the illegal weapons being held by Palestinians, as this is the army's responsibility.

Kiryat Arba and Hebron settlers denied Kahalani's accusation, and Wilder said it is all "part of a campaign being waged to delegitimize Hebron."

"If these weapons exist, and the authorities know about them, then let them arrest people. But nobody is being arrested, because it is just a figment of the imagination," Wilder said.

Four ex-Kach activists indicted

HERB KEINON

FOUR former members of the outlawed Kach Party were indicted in Jerusalem District Court yesterday for editing and distributing a book in praise of Baruch Goldstein some 18 months ago.

The four - Michael Ben-Chorin, Netanel Uzari, Yoel Lerner, and Yosef Dayan - were charged with incitement to racism and support of a terror organization. A date for their trial has not yet been set.

Goldstein murdered 29 Moslems in the Ibrahim Mosque at Hebron's Machpela Cave on Purim 1994.

Former Kach activist Itamar Ben-Gvir said the indictments, coming so long after the book was printed, are a transparent attempt by the police to harass former Kach members and other suspected extremists prior to the IDF redeployment in

Hebron.

Former Kach spokesman Noam Federman was placed under two months' administrative detention on Sunday, amid reports that a number of other high-profile extremists would soon be picked up as well.

Ben-Gvir said the book, *Baruch Hagever*, has sold more than 6,000 copies, and includes an article written by alleged GSS agent-provocateur Avishai Raviv.

Federman punished for misbehavior in jail

RAINE MARCUS

NOAM Federman, now under administrative detention, was banned from using the phone for two weeks by the Prisons Service yesterday, after he threatened to go on hunger strike, refused to undergo basic medical examinations, and refused to participate in a routine head count.

Federman, former spokesman of the outlawed Kach movement, was given two months' administrative detention on Sunday and was incarcerated in Ashmoret Prison.

Administrative detainees are subject to different rules than regular prisoners and last night the Prisons Service issued a list of such regulations. Detainees are segregated from other prisoners. However, they are permitted to wear their own clothing and do not have to dress in prison uniform. Their food is the same as that of prison guards and they have the right to a two-hour exercise period in the yard and may purchase provisions and toiletries in the prison canteen.

Administrative detainees are allowed to keep one holy book, and are given access to newspapers and other books at the discretion of the prison warden.

More fighting in security zone

DAVID RUDGE

FIGHTING continued in south Lebanon yesterday, with reports of Hizbullah firing at the IDF's Karkum position in the western sector of the security zone for the third day running.

Reports from Lebanon said Hizbullah gunmen fired over a dozen mortar rounds at the outpost. There were no reports of casualties and IDF gunners returned fire.

Earlier in the day, a roadside bomb was detonated alongside a South Lebanese Army patrol near Beit Yehoum in the zone's western sector, without causing casualties or damage.

One soldier was killed and six others wounded, two seriously and the rest lightly, in attacks on two tanks in the Karkum region on Saturday and Sunday.

Three of the wounded are still

in Haifa's Rambam hospital. Deputy director Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai said there had been an improvement in the condition of the seriously wounded soldier.

"Another of the wounded from that incident has been transferred to the orthopedic department and his condition is good and one was sent home," Ben-Ishai said.

"The condition of the soldier who was admitted on Saturday with neck injuries remains serious and he is still detained in the intensive care unit of the neurosurgery department."

Another soldier is reported to be making satisfactory progress in Nahariya Hospital.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, accompanied by

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, visited Northern Command headquarters yesterday and was briefed about the latest incidents.

Mordechai also met with members of the forum of Heads of Settlements who charged that government promises to help the region after Operation Grapes of Wrath had not been fulfilled.

Meanwhile, Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah has revealed that 1,145 members of the organization have died in operations since the first suicide bomb attack against IDF troops in Tyre on November 11 1983.

Nasrallah said Hizbullah has carried out 825 attacks in the past 12 months, most of them since Operation Grapes of Wrath.

PA Police denying entry to Greek Orthodox clergy

HAIM SHAPIRO

GREEK Orthodox clergymen wishing to visit their communities in areas under the control of the Palestinian Authority have, on occasion, been stopped and turned back by the Palestinian Police, a ranking official of the Greek Orthodox Church has charged.

Metropolitan Timothy, secretary of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Jerusalem, said that on Sunday night he and a Greek Orthodox archbishop had been on their way to Ramallah when Palestinian policemen stopped them and told them to return to Jerusalem.

"I have heard reports of similar incidents in the past, but I did not really believe them until it actually happened to me," he said.

Timothy said that when they were stopped, the only identification he had was his driver's license, although the archbishop had his Greek passport.

When he objected to being stopped and said that he was

expected for an appointment in Ramallah, the policemen told him to turn around and go back to Jerusalem.

He said that he found the attitude especially uncalled for since the Palestinians and some Christian clergy have accused Israel of not allowing Christians to come to Jerusalem to fulfill their religious duties.

Jon Immanuel adds:

Ramallah police said that they stopped Metropolitan Timothy because five minutes earlier a settler had tried to get into Ramallah with weapons and was turned over to the IDF.

"We thought that he too might be a settler, as they have many ways to hide their identity," a senior police commander said.

Timothy insisted on taking the name and number of the policemen who stopped him and refused to leave for 30 minutes until the commander arrived. He told him that he could not have the details and turned him back.

Kiryat Arba man dies in crash

EDWARD FRIEDMAN, 35, of Kiryat Arba was killed yesterday when the car he was riding in overturned near Hebron. The driver of the car, who was seriously injured, apparently lost control on a curve. Police suspect the driver was intoxicated. *litm*

High Court asked to admit 2 US Jews

SHELLY Benvenisti, a journalist from Miami, and **Hillel Bluestein,** an accountant from Philadelphia, both barred from entering Israel because of alleged ties to the outlawed Kach and Kahane Hai groups, have petitioned the High Court of Justice to let them in. They deny any connection with either organization. *litm*

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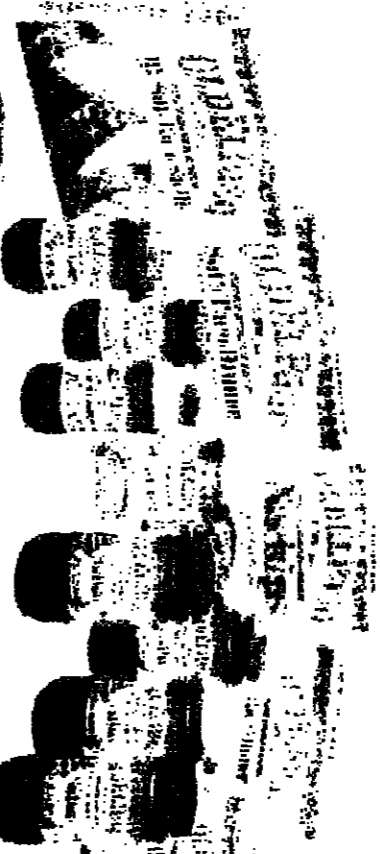
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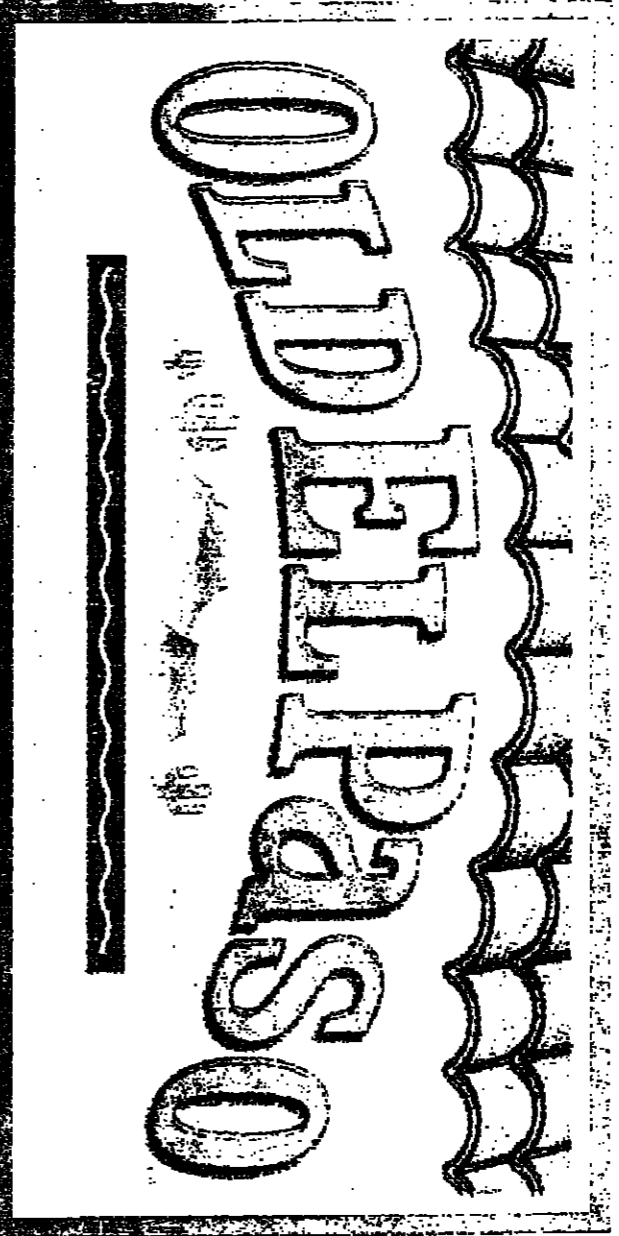
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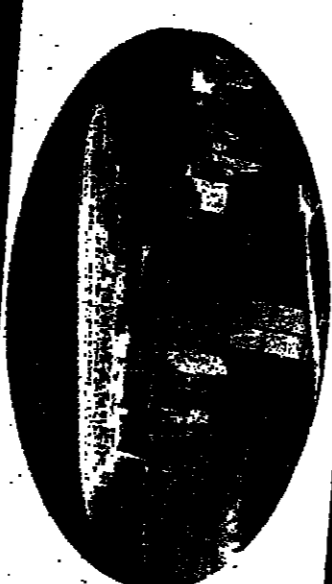
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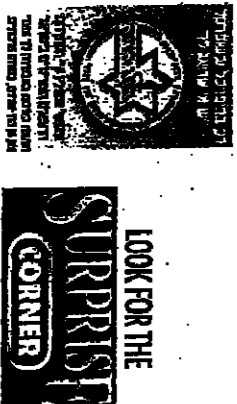
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Deri: NIS 50,000 bookcase not paid for by bribe

MK ARYEH Deri, testifying for the second day in his defense on charges of bribe-taking, fraud, breach of trust, and falsifying corporate documents, denied that a London trip paid for by co-defendants Moshe Weinberg and Yom Tov Rubin was a bribe. He also claimed that an expensive bookcase was not paid for with bribe money.

According to the indictment, Deri received more than \$150,000 from Rubin and Moshe and Arye Weinberg between 1985 and 1990, in exchange for using his influence at the Interior

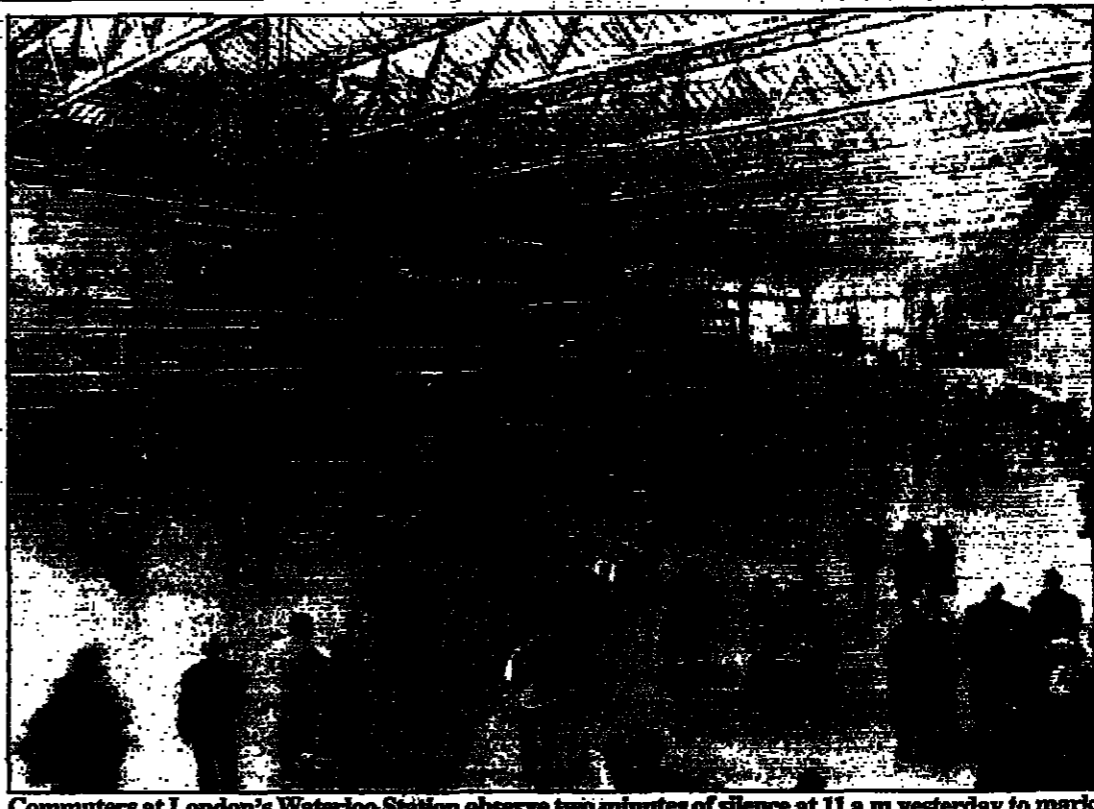
Ministry to help various associations in which the four were involved.

Deri told the Jerusalem District Court that a deposit of NIS 50,000 made to his account by Rubin was not a bribe, but the return of funds he had deposited with Rubin.

"I ask the court to be logical," Deri testified. "They accuse me of taking a bribe - I hope they're not accusing me of being stupid or negligent. I wouldn't ask my personal assistant to deposit such a sum in my account and sign for

it. If this were a bribe, I would have taken it in cash and asked someone else to do it, and not straightforwardly."

Deri claimed that at the time of the money transfer he had just moved into a new apartment in Jerusalem's Har Nof neighborhood, where he had hired a carpenter to build a bookcase. He said he had given the carpenter a post-dated check for NIS 50,000, and had asked Rubin to deposit this sum in his account to cover it. (Itim)



Commuters at London's Waterloo Station observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. yesterday to mark Armistice Day. It is the first time the event has been observed on a work day since the 1930s. (Reuter)

Norway probes wartime loss of Jewish property

LIAT COLLINS

NORWAY is making every effort to discover what happened to the property of Norwegian Jews during World War II, Ambassador Sven Erik Svedman told the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee yesterday.

He said a state commission is investigating. The property is estimated to be worth \$80 million.

Between November 1942 and February 1943, some 800 Norwegian Jews were transported to concentration camps and their possessions were confiscated by the Quisling government. Documents recording the transfer were stored in the national archives in Oslo and are now being examined by the com-

mission, which is discussing how to compensate survivors, their heirs, and the local Jewish community.

"As a country which fights for human rights, we feel a moral and legal obligation to the Jews," Svedman said. He said the commission will be done by March.

He could not explain why the government and the Jewish community had waited 50 years to act, but said all relevant material still exists.

Avi Becker, head of the World Jewish Congress's Jerusalem office, said he hopes the commission's conclusions provide adequate compensation to survivors. He said he has been very encouraged by the Norwegian government position.

Labor to fight social welfare cuts

LIAT COLLINS

THE Labor faction yesterday accused the government of producing a budget that would harm the weaker sectors of the population.

According to figures presented by former finance minister Avraham Shohat at a Knesset faction meeting, two thirds of the proposed cuts to the budget and special arrangements law affect social welfare funding.

The faction is opposed to changes in several budget clauses, including the Capital Investment Encouragement Law; the health budget; child allowances; benefits to demobilized soldiers; and privileges to senior citizens.

"The Labor faction will focus its fight on the destructive policies which will harm the weak, increase poverty and in particular harm those in peripheral areas," Shohat said. He said the faction would coordinate with other opposition MKs to fight the budget.

Shohat singled out for criticism the decision to abolish the parallel tax (mas makbil) under which employers match workers' contributions to health care. Shohat, like MK Tamar Gozansky (Hadash) who first raised the issue, claims it will mean funds will no longer be earmarked specifically for health.

Hope fades for missing fishermen in India cyclone

DEV VARAN HYDERABAD, India

HOPES are fading fast for more than 1,300 fishermen missing for five days after a deadly cyclone devastated India's southeast coast, the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh said yesterday.

If fears prove correct, nearly 2,000 people are likely to have been killed by the onslaught of rains, 180 km winds and three-meter tidal waves, officials said.

"Their fate is not known. All of them could be dead," Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu told a press briefing, referring to the missing fishermen.

"Helicopters which flew over the Bay of Bengal could not locate them," he said. "The coastguard is searching for bodies."

Hundreds of corpses have already washed ashore.

Many fishermen set sail from tiny hamlets dotting Andhra Pradesh's flat coastline only hours before the cyclone hit.

The more southerly Krishna district had been put on full cyclone alert, according to reports, but meteorologists say the cyclone changed tack in the last couple of hours and zeroed-in on the Godavari delta area.

Local fishing leaders disputed official statements that cyclone warnings were issued 24 hours ahead of the storm.

"The No. 10 warning, indicating a severe cyclone, was sounded only hours before the storm hit the coast, by which time the fisher-

men had already been out at sea," said one fishing leader, Malladi Swamy.

Officials said some villages in the Amalapuram area, where an estimated 100,000 people lived, were still inaccessible.

But Andhra Pradesh government spokesman B.P. Acharya said he did not expect the overall death toll to rise above 2,000. "It will be around 2,000 maximum," he told Reuters.

Tidal waves whipped up by the storm swept five km inland, destroying houses, livestock and crops.

Many people were also killed by fierce winds which tore apart their flimsy houses and hurled uprooted coconut tree trunks through roofs.

KNESSET BRIEFS

MKs try to help Rwanda, Zaire refugees
MK Avraham Yehzekel (Labor) has asked his fellow MKs and Knesset employees to donate funds via UNICEF's local office to help refugees in Rwanda and Zaire. "As elected leaders we must provide an example to the rest of the public and listen to the suffering of these children," Yehzekel said.

MK David Re'em (Likud) has also initiated a campaign to help the refugees.

Greens launch Knesset caucus
The Knesset's Green caucus was inaugurated in a short ceremony at Beit Hanassi yesterday with President Ezer Weizman. The caucus, officially called the Forum of MKs for the Quality of Life and Environment, but better known as the Green caucus, is one of the biggest in the Knesset, with 32 members from across the political spectrum. It is chaired by Avraham Herschson (Likud) and is to work closely with Life and Environment, the umbrella organization of all green groups in the country.

Bill to help AIDS victims
MK Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) filed a private members bill yesterday aimed at improving the quality of life of AIDS victims. The bill demands that medical centers including hospitals and health funds provide the same facilities to AIDS patients they provide all other patients; prevents schools from barring infected students and stops employers for firing workers because they have AIDS.

MK seeks to check Amir's accommodations
Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen is demanding Internal Security Minister Avidor Kahalani allow him to visit Yigal Amir and inspect his prison conditions. Cohen filed the request after reports that Yitzhak Rabin's assassin is allowed a catering service, Walkman, and library. The Prisons Service is also reportedly considering allowing Amir to have a personal computer in his cell. "I'm surprised they haven't considered providing a jacuzzi, stereo system, and video," Cohen said.

Yael Dayan reschedules Wall visit
MK Yael Dayan (Labor) agreed yesterday to postpone by one day her planned visit to the Western Wall with the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women. Dayan said she would visit tomorrow instead of today, Rosh Hodesh, when there will be fewer worshippers and the tour will be considered less provocative. *Liav Collins*

Cleveland, Michigan buried in early snow; more expected

CLEVELAND (AP) - Winter came early to the Great Lakes states, burying the region in up to two feet (60 centimeters) of snow, cutting electricity to thousands and causing a jet to skid off a slippery runway.

One traffic death in central Ohio was blamed on the weekend storm that dumped 14 inches (35 centimeters) of snow in Cleveland and Erie, Pennsylvania, and up to 22 inches (60 centimeters) in Michigan's Upper Peninsula Sunday. Early yesterday, 18 inches (45 centimeters) of snow had fallen near Kalamazoo, Michigan.

"It's unusual," said National Weather Service meteorologist Don Miller. "Here in Cleveland we average in November an average of 5 inches (12.7 centimeters) for the whole month."

The snow was expected to keep coming down at about an inch (2.5 centimeters) an hour, dumping up to 20 inches (50 centimeters) more in Ohio and up to 20 inches (50 centimeters) in western Pennsylvania. Snow was expected as far south as Virginia and Indiana by tonight.

American Airlines Flight 544 slid about 45 meters off the runway and got stuck in mud at Hopkins International Airport in Cleveland on Sunday night. None of the 115 passengers and six crew members aboard was hurt.

"The first thing I could see when we were coming down was it was snowing really bad," said passenger Lisa Palkovic, 17. "Then I saw the runway and I noticed it wasn't plowed. The next thing I knew we were sliding. I said to my dad, 'Man, we're not stopping.'"

Runways were not the only slippery surfaces in the region. Dozens of cars skidded off snow-slicked roads.

"Bad is not the word," police dispatcher Celeste Corbissero said of the Cleveland-area roads. "They're telling everyone to stay off the roads. Of course, they're not."

Up to 180,000 customers in Cleveland lost electricity Sunday after the heavy, wet snow downed power lines. Some 70,000 customers got power back by afternoon, but utilities said some homes may be without power for two days.

Berlin criticized for halting Holocaust museum

BERLIN (Reuter) - International Jewish leaders joined German Jewish community representatives yesterday to criticize Berlin's city parliament for deciding to suspend funding for a new museum about the Nazi terror.

Ignatz Bubis, head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany and chairman of an international board advising the museum's developers, said Berlin had betrayed Jews by trying to delay construction work until 2000.

"The Berlin city parliament has broken its word," Bubis told reporters in a text on the museum's building site. "Delayed in this case is the same as cancelled."

Since the city's decision to postpone the project, Berlin mayor Eberhard Diepgen has received a flood of letters and calls from foreign Jewish organizations calling for funding to be reinstated.

"The suspension of this project sends the wrong message at the wrong time to the wrong people," leaders of the Simon Wiesenthal Center wrote in a letter to the Berlin mayor. "We urge the immediate re-establishment of this project, fully funded, so that every young German and millions of visitors to Berlin will continue to learn the appropriate lessons from that brutal era," the letter continued.

Polls confirm Jews loyal Democrats

LOS ANGELES - Exit polls taken at last week's election are unanimous that American Jews overwhelmingly reaffirmed their loyalty to the Democratic party. However, to what extent Jews retain their traditional liberal stance on social issues depends on which poll you read and how you interpret the statistics.

There was general agreement on broad trends in the Jewish voting patterns, but fluctuations existed in the numbers and percentages between polls conducted by national newspapers on the one hand, and the American Jewish Congress on the other.

In the polls conducted by leading news organizations, the Los Angeles Times, which checked out 100 precincts across the country, reported Jews voting 79% for President Clinton (compared to 49% for the total electorate), 15% for Bob Dole (vs. 41%), and 4% for Ross Perot (9%).

In congressional races for the House of Representatives, in which Democrats and Republicans split about 50-50 in the overall popular vote, the New York Times reported that Jews voted 74% for Democratic candidates and 26% for Republicans. *Tom Tugend*

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UN sends troops to northeast Bosnia after Moslem-Serb refugee battle

SAMIR ARNAUT
GAJEVI, Bosnia

MOSLEMS Serbs traded shots in a dispute over returning refugees in northeastern Bosnia yesterday, and troops from the NATO-led peace force were dispatched to restore order, a UN spokesman said.

"We had a police monitor wounded in the town of Koraj this morning after shooting broke out when about 500 Moslems attempted to return to their homes across the Inter-Entity Boundary Line," said Alex Ivankov, a UN spokesman.

"At some point there was an exchange of fire... we have unconfirmed reports that at least one person [in addition to the monitor], a Serb, was wounded and evacuated. [NATO] has secured the area and there's a heavy presence of NATO troops and UN police monitors in the area."

The UN in Sarajevo said a 50-year old Dutch police monitor was accidentally shot by a Serb policeman who was being given a lift by a UN patrol driving to Koraj.

"He had a belt with a gun holster in his hand, rather than on his waist and while getting out of the car, the weapon fired accidentally and the policeman was just as shocked as everybody else," Ivankov said.

The Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA reported the wounded Serb was Mihailo Vasic and that his injuries were serious.

The Inter-Entity Boundary Line (IEBL) was established under Bosnia's Dayton peace accord to distinguish Serb-held territory from that controlled by Moslems and Croats.

The line was intended to be an administrative boundary but has hardened into a de facto ethnic border.



Bosnian Moslem refugees argue with a Russian soldier yesterday at a checkpoint near the Inter-Entity Boundary Line. The refugees were trying to return home to their village of Gajevi, some 170 kms. northeast of Sarajevo, but found the line has become a de facto ethnic border they could not cross.

Several houses were burning in the village of Gajevi and there was scattered small arms fire in the area late yesterday morning.

Some 60 Moslems, most of them women and children, were in the village, which was saturated with US and Russian peace troops, UN police and UN refugee officials.

Three NATO helicopters were

circling the area and some Moslem youths of military age wielding staves were spotted in the area. None was seen carrying firearms.

"We came to return to our homes because we don't want to live in someone else's house anymore," said 36-year old Sadea Smajic, a Moslem refugee from Gajevi.

"The Serbs shot at us this morning

with pistols and rifles and tremblants [rifle grenades]. The Russians are trying to get us to go back to Celic but we are staying here."

SRNA said the Moslems attacked the village with grenades and light infantry fire.

The Moslems told Reuters there were about 650 of them when they crossed the IEBL yesterday

morning but the large group has broken up and many evidently were intent on trying to get back to their former homes in nearby Koraj.

The Moslems in Gajevi had set up large tents and said they would be spending the night in the village despite their fears of a possible attack from Bosnian Serbs.

Zaire aid operation gets off to slow start

CHRISTIAN JENNINGS
GOMA, Zaire

THE first foreign aid into eastern Zaire from Rwanda in more than a year failed to reach any needy at all yesterday, let alone more than a million scattered refugees.

The aid arrived in convoys from the Rwandan town of Gisenyi and was taken to a sports stadium in the city.

"We were expecting food today," said Laurent Kabila, leader of the Alliance for Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire. "We saw very little, only medicine and a few biscuits. There was no rice, no fish, no meat."

Kabila, who was speaking at a news conference at his heavily-guarded lakeside villa in Goma, then went into talks with UN officials on how to distribute the aid.

Officials said they expected the aid to stay in the stadium overnight and the aid workers would return to Goma today.

Kabila said people were dying in Mugunga camp, just west of Goma and held by exiled Rwandan Hutu former troops and militiamen, and rebels could only guarantee security until their last checkpoint.

Mugunga was the largest camp in Zaire crammed with some 400,000 people. Rebels have been unable to seize it.

Kabila threatened to launch a new offensive and suggested UN officials come through rebel-held "corridors" and negotiate with the Rwandan exiled forces.

He said two people were killed and one was wounded on Sunday night in Goma by mortar bombs fired by former Rwandan troops.

"We must fight these people in the camps. But if we attack the camp to push out killers the international community will start crying again," said Kabila in a well-trodden khaki uniform.

Vehicles and workers from the UN Children's Fund, Concern, Save the Children, Medicins Sans Frontieres (MSF-Doctors without Borders), CARE and the British agency Merlin drove into Goma from Rwanda.

A UN assessment team followed

with two eight-ton trucks carrying maize meal and pulses. A second UN assessment team reached the rebel-held town of Bukavu, south of Goma.

The aid, the first allowed through Rwanda since April 1995, was carefully searched by Rwandan troops before reaching Goma.

"They only took in emergency food supplies for patients in hospitals and enough drugs to treat them," said MSF spokeswoman Samantha Bolton. "Full-scale operations will only go ahead after they have made their security assessments in a day or two."

Virtually all camps for more than a million refugees in eastern Zaire have been emptied by a three-week-old rebellion and by former Rwandan Hutu troops and militiamen herding them ever deeper into Zaire.

The Rwandan government, which supports the Tutsi revolt in Zaire, agreed on Sunday to allow food and medicine into Goma but said most aid should be delivered into Rwanda and not Zaire.

A spokeswoman for UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said Zairean Prime Minister Kengo wa Dondo told him yesterday that Zaire was willing to help the United Nations get aid to the refugees and Zaireans displaced by the fighting.

Spokeswoman Therese Gastaut said Kengo had made the pledge by telephone to Boutros-Ghali, who was in Rome for the World Food Summit.

In a new setback for supporters of military intervention, British Defense Secretary Michael Portillo said Britain was unlikely to send troops to Zaire to help relief operations.

"If there is to be a military operation it must be carefully planned, it must have clear objectives and there must be an exit strategy," Portillo told the British Broadcasting Corporation. "In other words we must know how forces would withdraw whether those forces are African or non-African," he added.

Yeltsin, recovering from operation, raps bombers

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian President Boris Yeltsin, recovering well from heart surgery, condemned a bloody attack by gangland bombers as "terrorism" yesterday and pledged a thorough investigation of the blast, in which 13 people died.

The explosion, at noon on Sunday, was the bloodiest manifestation so far in a battle for control between rival criminal gangs in post-Soviet Russia.

Investigators said the killing was linked to a longstanding feud between two rival branches of the five-year-old Afghan War Invalids' Foundation, a charity set up to help disabled victims of the Afghan war.

"I learned with grief about the terrorist act at the Kotlyakovskoye cemetery in Moscow," said Yeltsin in a statement released by his press office.

"I express my condolences to the relatives and close friends of those who were killed. I have ordered the legal authorities to carry out a thorough investigation of all the details of this bloody crime," he said.

Yeltsin, who underwent quintuple heart bypass surgery six days ago, is becoming more active and is on target to return to the Kremlin around the New Year, his doctor said yesterday.

Sergei Mironov, head of the presidential medical center, said

Yeltsin was walking and sitting up for six hours a day.

"The condition of Boris Nikolayevich is satisfactory," Mironov told a news conference. "Boris Yeltsin's post-operative stitches are healing well, his blood counts are very good and his temperature is normal for the fourth day in a row."

Mironov said Yeltsin would probably spend from 12 to 14 more days in Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital and a month in the Barvikha sanatorium just outside Moscow where he spent much of the time when he was preparing for the operation.

But Mironov added a word of caution, making clear he did not want the 65-year-old president to try to set "world records" by coming back too quickly. Bad news, he said, was being served up to him with due care.

The blast has pinpointed the power of shady criminal groupings in post-communist Russia and is a stark reminder to Yeltsin of the problems he faces when he gets back to his desk.

Members of the State Duma lower house of parliament held a minute's silence in respect for the dead. "Even in the current conditions of arbitrary crime, this crime goes beyond all limits," Interfax quoted one Duma deputy as saying.

Riot-prone Zambian university closed after riots

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP) - The University of Zambia was closed indefinitely yesterday after police used teargas and batons to disperse hundreds of rioting students ahead of the country's November 18 parliamentary and presidential elections.

An unidentified student leader was reported under arrest and several injured during prolonged clashes when a planned march on State House, official residence of President Frederick Chiluba, was stopped.

Late Saturday, 18 British airways crew members were injured, four seriously, when their bus was attacked by stone-throwing students on the road from Lusaka International Airport past the campus.

Tensions roused by the coming elections, and the boycott called by ex-president Kenneth Kaunda, 72, have threatened to make the campus a battleground, said academic sources.

The University Senate said the institution was being closed immediately "because the atmosphere is not conducive to academic pursuits."

Early yesterday, hundreds of paramilitary police were deployed by Chiluba's police force to halt the State House march.

University spokesman Mulife Malamba said emergency arrangements were being made to ferry students from outlying areas back to their homes "to diffuse a potentially explosive situation" but students' union president Brian Yuyi said students wished only to register their desire for peace during the elections.

"We wanted an assurance [from Chiluba] that all would be well during and after the elections," said Yuyi. Chiluba blamed violence on the boycott called by Kaunda, excluded from standing because his parents were born in neighboring Malawi.

Mexico ruling party suffers election losses

TOLUCA, Mexico (Reuters) - President Ernesto Zedillo's party suffered big losses in local elections in three states as voters punished his government for Mexico's economic crisis and a series of corruption scandals, incomplete results showed yesterday.

Sunday's races were closely watched because they were the last major test of voter opinion before next July's midterm congressional elections. Analysts say Zedillo's Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) risks losing its majority in the lower house for the first time if current trends continue.

With around three-quarters of ballots counted, the once-almighty PRI appeared to have lost three of the five biggest town halls in Mexico state, the largest of the states that voted Sunday.

Up to half of Mexico state's 122 town halls were claimed by the opposition, and the PRI's share of the total vote slumped to just 41.96 percent from 58 percent in the last such elections in 1993.

In the northern state of Coahuila, bordering Texas, the conservative National Action Party (PAN) said it had snatched control of the state's three biggest town halls from the PRI.

Although the PRI was likely to stay the biggest single party in all three states, the results suggested the combined opposition tally

would creep over the 50 percent mark in Mexico state and Coahuila for the first time ever.

"People have showed that they are tired of the PRI and the already high probability that they will lose their majority in [congressional elections] in 1997 has been reinforced," PAN leader Felipe Calderon Hinojosa said on hearing the results.

Voters interviewed at polling stations said they wanted to end the PRI's long reign because it had mismanaged the economy and misappropriated government funds. Mexico is struggling to emerge from its worst recession in 60 years, provoked by a bungled 1994 peso devaluation.

UN report finds human rights worsening in Iran

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Respect for human rights in Iran "may well have deteriorated" this year because of increases in arrests and purges of those deemed hostile to the Islamic regime, a UN official has reported.

In a report released over the weekend, Maurice Copithorne, a Canadian official of the UN Commission on Human Rights, said "developments in the areas of expectations, social atmosphere and criminal punishments" indicated that "a culture of human rights remains to be established."

Copithorne said the Iranian media reported at least 66 executions between January 1 and August 31, a "significant increase" over the 50 executions last year.

"There have been a number of indications that the social climate in the Islamic Republic is becoming less tolerant," the report said.

It cited government moves to close newspapers accused of "weakening the foundation of the Islamic republic" and the launching of a television program which "targeted intellectuals as social misfits or foreign spies."

Copithorne also noted reported attacks against theaters showing films deemed "contrary to Islamic and religious values" and the disruption of meetings organized by political dissidents.

"The information reaching the special representative suggests that the condition of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran may well have deteriorated since his report earlier this year," said the report, referring to Copithorne.

It added that there had been some "positive signs," including Iranian government requests for UN help in modernizing its penal and judicial systems.

Britain's 'agony aunt' Marje Proops dies

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's beloved "agony aunt" and journalist Marjorie Proops has died, her employers said on Sunday. Proops, doyenne of newspaper advice columnists, kept her age a secret but was believed to be in her late 70s or early 80s. The Mirror Group of newspapers said. "For those generations of working colleagues and millions of readers there will always be a special place in their hearts for Marje," David Montgomery, chief executive of the Mirror Group of newspapers, said.

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Business, not politics

THE Cairo Economic Conference, which starts today, has already failed at what should have been its primary objective: signaling to the world that the Middle East is open for business.

their counterparts from Egypt, Jordan, and the Gulf remain interested in building ties with Israel. These businesspeople know that working relationships cannot be built overnight, and that even if projects might be discouraged at the political level over the short term, eventually their time will come.

Each conference in which Israelis and Arabs participate together is another nail in the coffin of the Arab economic boycott. While the boycott could in theory be revised, it is increasingly an embarrassing anachronism.

That said, the Egyptian government needs to understand that business links and economic progress are not like a faucet that can be turned on and off at their whim. If any other country had done as much to deter companies from coming to the Cairo conference, they might have been accused of being anti-Egyptian.

In both Egypt and Jordan, however, progress has been inhibited by the fear that Israel, with a GNP larger than all her neighbors combined, is the economic superpower of the region and will dominate the neighboring economies if let in the door.

It is time for the Arab world to realize that it cannot have the fruits it wants from the world economy while continuing to subordinate its own interests to the fight against Israel. For its own sake, the Arab world should do its best to unlink economic cooperation from the peace process.



Equal rights for all

THE intense negotiations on implementing the redeployment agreement in Hebron have exposed the failure of both Palestinians and Israelis to think in a strategic and long-term way.

because the police would be part of a joint police force and not simply joint patrols. In South Africa, where apartheid dug deep roots for so many years, the country's blacks and whites are making huge progress toward integration and equality.

Those who oppose a Palestinian state need to come up with logical answers that Palestinians will accept

THE crisis in Hebron is no different from the earlier one in Jerusalem. With little goodwill, Israeli reluctance to honor the letter and spirit of international agreements and little hope that final-status talks will take place, chances of a popular explosion increase sharply.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FALSE ASSUMPTION

Sir, - The world of today is beset by false assumptions and wrongful accusations, and many of us look to both Judaism and Christianity to teach us truth. How sad, therefore, that Rabbi Riskin ("From generation to generation," November 1) should perpetuate a false assumption and a wrongful accusation in one phrase: "God the Father when the Christian Jesus of love overcame the Israelite Father-in-Heaven of Law."

MEDICAL CARE IN ISRAEL

Sir, - Judy Siegel-Itzkovich reports "There's no place for medical paternalism," October 27) that Professor Christopher Hook's guest lecture at the Israel Cancer Society, in which he calls for doctors to treat patients like "human beings rather than mere cases," is to be translated into Hebrew in the "hopes that the message will get through to today's doctors" here. Having experienced American medical care, where physicians usually visit patients in hospital once a day on rounds and then disappear to private practices where they are often unavailable to families of the sick, and where more time seems to be spent on paper work to ward off potential legal suits than on patient care, I was pleasantly surprised in my first experience with an Israeli health plan, Maccabi.

DROP IN TOURISM

Sir, - The article "Tourism fell 8 percent between March and September" (October 31) made interesting reading while a group of us were queuing for the security check at Ben-Gurion Airport. Our check-in for a return flight to London took more than the usual three hours, not because of the thoroughness of the security checks, but through the bumbling inefficiency, ineptitude and total lack of concern of the airport security and general staff.

CONVOLUTED REASONING

Sir, - In a magnificent tour de force of convoluted reasoning, Yossi Beilin proved that the PLO is not obligated to change its covenant as it has thrice promised (October 31). Further, he claims that it would make no difference, even if it did make the changes. There are three obvious questions to be asked of Mr. Beilin.

CONVOLUTED REASONING

that the Israeli negotiators considered meaningless even if it was fulfilled? Isn't the purpose of negotiation to give and take things of value to the parties?

CONVOLUTED REASONING

shoot at our soldiers? Or destroy our holy places? Or refuse to return killers of our civilians? Or keep any of the obligations they undertook in exchange for real concessions?

A redesigning of Oslo

THE American people have chosen Clinton over Dole, opting for continuation. Israelis chose Netanyahu over Peres, opting for change.

YOSSI BEN-AHARON

It needs courage and close cooperation between Netanyahu and Clinton. But it must be done

violence, which triggered the last round of clashes. Accumulating experience of the Palestinian performance regarding agreements leaves very little room for optimism. Yet a total disintegration of the agreements with the PLO could be warded off by a very firm message to Arafat telling him that he is risking all his achievements and exposing his people to the prospect of another round of suffering and bloodshed.

What it entails is a redesigning of the Oslo agreements as they are implemented, extirpating the dangerous, unacceptable elements in them.

Washington and Jerusalem reach a deep understanding and accord.

In addition Israel and the US must jointly press Arafat and his aides to rectify violations of those agreements before any further steps are taken.

Insult & injury

RICHARD Z. CHESNOFF

LAST week a popular men's club in my Connecticut hometown invited a former Nazi officer to come talk to them about his "wartime experiences." Amazingly, no one seemed to object. The man, an ex-Luftwaffe pilot, has been a local resident for years now; a "nice guy," say many of his neighbors.

Of course he himself was never a Nazi. And, naturally, he and his Luftwaffe comrades knew nothing of politics, nothing of "what you call concentration camps."

Did our Nazi pilot think all those neighbors who disappeared at night had gone to Bavaria on holiday? Had he never heard of Dachau or any of the other hundreds of Nazi camps that dotted the countryside? Had he never spoken with any fellow officers returned from the killing fields of Eastern Europe?

THE DANGER of such historical amnesia came back to me as I looked through an amazing book published last week by New York University Press. It's called French Children of the Holocaust and it's a moving collection of photos and personal data on more than 11,000 innocent Jewish children torn from their homes in France, deported and put to death in the Nazi extermination camps.

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Its work of the indefatigable Serge Klarsfeld, the Paris lawyer who, together with his wife Beate, has devoted his adult life to breaking the rock of silence that once surrounded the story of French Vichy collaboration with the Nazis and to tracking down the guilty, French and German (it was the Klarsfelds who brought Gestapo boss Klaus Barbie to justice).

This new memorial book, says Serge, is an attempt to give "some dignity and identity to those stolen young lives."

I hope our local men's club gets to see it. (By special permission of the New York Daily News)



Shares rise as Teva posts earnings gain

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



SHARES rose as Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., which accounts for nearly 10 percent of the Maof index, climbing 3.75% on a better-than-expected third-quarter earnings report. Investors are expecting Friday's consumer price index report will meet estimates of a rise of around 1%...

New Wall St. peak boosts weak European bourses

LONDON (Reuters) - Wall Street surged to an intra-day trading record yesterday, giving an end-of-the-day boost to European bourses which had been in the doldrums because of interest rates uncertainties.

Dow index extends record run

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks racked up their fourth record close in a row yesterday as Wall Street bet that interest rates will continue to fall, making stocks even more attractive to the investing public.

HEBRON

(Continued from Page 1) US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak last night.

"We know that America honors agreements," said Arafat's adviser Dr. Ahmed Tibi. "We will ask Christopher to pressure Israel not to try and reopen the agreement."

Tibi denied reports that Arafat intends to declare a Palestinian state now, but he said "it would remain an option."

Arafat knows he must come with some evidence that has compromised to make implementation of the Hebron redeployment easier.

(Continued from Page 1) accept the position that as long as there's no other evidence, Sharon Edri is being held against his will.

"We will do everything to trace him and return him to his family. [The investigation] is difficult and complex and we don't have any precise details but we are working [on it] all the time," Mordcheai added.

Hefetz said he believes he knows as much about the investigation as Mordcheai. Hefetz said the possibility that Edri was kidnapped by Palestinian terrorists is still being investigated, but so too is the possibility he committed suicide.

"We don't have a concrete basis for either possibility," Hefetz said. "I met with the family."

(Continued from Page 1) business delegates that Cairo will provide a useful forum for improving ties with their counterparts in the Middle East and further afield.

Many of those who attended this week's Jerusalem Business Conference said they expect a friendly welcome from most of the Egyptian business community. This view is shared by senior Israeli economic officials.

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Table of stock prices and changes for various companies, categorized by Multi-sided trading and Two-sided trading. Includes columns for Name, Price, Change, and Volume.

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